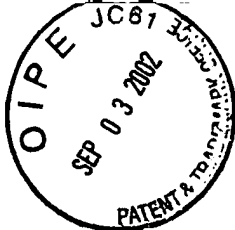


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Ari HINKKANEN)
Serial No. 09/015,399)
Filed: January 29, 1998)
For: A NEW FUSION PROTEIN AND)
ITS USE IN AN IMMUNOASSAY)
FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS)
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RELATED TO INSULIN-DEPENDENT)
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002 for one month from August 2, 2002 to September 2, 2002. Enclosed is a check for \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

September 3, 2002

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